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	Firmware Flashing	§

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-styled case, the Examiner is requested to enter the amendment to the specification and consider the proposed drawing amendment submitted herewith.

AMENDMENT

In the specification, please replace paragraph [0039] with the paragraph below. The appendix to this Preliminary Amendment has a marked-up version of the amended paragraph with the deletions in strike-through and the additions underlined:

[0039]   Once each microcontroller has a complete copy of the image to be flashed, the initiating server preferably sends a request to a first microcontroller to decode and flash the image as indicated in block 270 of Figure 4B. This request, however, is not a broadcast request; but instead, is a specific request for the first microcontroller to flash the image. If the communication module successfully boots after the image flash as indicated in block 280, the process continues to each subsequent microcontroller in each subsequent communication module, as indicated at block 290. If a particular communication module successfully flashes and boots, and it was the last communication module, as indicated at decision block 295, then the process notifies the user that the updates are complete as indicated in block 300, and the process ends. If, however, any communication module fails to